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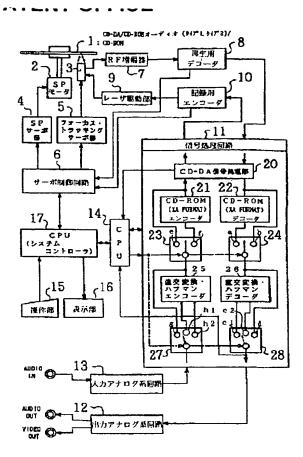
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TITLE

OPTICAL DISK DEVICE



ABSTRACT: PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an optical disk device capable of reproducing information by determining/confirming the kind of a disk and automatically setting an expansion decoding mode according to the compressing method of a recording time during reproducing of CD-ROM audio.

> SOLUTION: This device determines the kind of a disk from a signal read from a disk 1 and performs signal processing 11 such as decoding or the like corresponding to encoding of a recording time necessary according to the kind. During reproducing of CD-ROM audio, a type signal corresponding to the compressing method mode of the recording time is detected, an expansion decoding mode matching this is set by a switch circuit 28 and thus an optimal reproducing mode for the optical disk 1 is provided.

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